



THE DAILY BEAT

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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

BROWNING'S MICHAEL DECARLO FILMED TOWING NASA'S SPACE SHUTTLE DISCOVERY

By John McGill, Glacier Reporter 1/09/08



It's not obvious from this angle, but besides the \$3.5 billion Discovery, Michael DeCarlo is towing a 72-foot "purge truck" attached to the rear of the orbiter. A television crew from Canada was on hand last October as DeCarlo headed up a crew that was the first to back the Space Shuttle out of the "highbay," returning the following morning to make a perfect fit in parking the vehicle.

With nearly 20 years working for the United Space Alliance, the primary contractor for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Michael DeCarlo found himself returning from Spain where he'd been sent for his part in a Space Shuttle launch last October. When the launch was scrubbed, Michael returned to Florida but found himself recruited for the job of towing the Space Shuttle Discovery to its parking space.

BIERMANN PREPARING FOR HULA BOWL

Special to the Tribune

MISSOULA — All-American defensive end Kroy Biermann of the Montana Grizzlies has been selected to play in the 62nd annual Hula Bowl, slated for Saturday afternoon in Honolulu.

The game starts at 4 p.m. and will be televised by the Versus Channel.

WRANGLING FOR HOLLYWOOD LUNAK CELEBRATES 20 YEARS IN SHOW BIZ

By John McGill, Glacier Reporter (01/09/08)



Dutch Lunak, at left, is seen last September with Bud Connelly, JC Augare and Scotty Augare on location north of Santa Fe, working on Appaloosa, a film that is currently in production. Viggo Mortensen, Renee Zellweger and Ed Harris star in the movie.

It's coming this Sunday on CBS television, and if you're from Browning and know anyone who rides horses, it's likely you'll see a familiar face or two on your home screen. Comanche Moon is a prequel to the famous movie, Lonesome Dove. It was filmed in New Mexico in 2006 and eventually involved some 60 or so local riders who were imported by Alvin "Dutch" Lunak,

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owner and operator of Ghostridge Outfitters, a horse wrangling company for the Hollywood movies.

MONTANA FIRE SUPPRESSION COMMITTEE SEEKS INPUT FROM STATE'S RESIDENTS

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During the September 2007 special session, the Montana Legislature formed an interim committee called the Fire Suppression Committee (FSC). As members of FSC, we are requesting your assistance and advice.

TRADITIONAL MEANS: MAN TEACHES WAYS OF HIS NATIVE AMERICAN ANCESTORS

By VINCE DEVLIN of the Missoulian



At his shop on Finley Point, Tim Ryan makes items used by his Indian ancestors with the same materials and the same tools they had. Ryan is a Native American and environmental educator who uses his skills to not only teach traditional ways of constructing items big and small, but also to show the importance of preserving the environments that produce the raw materials that go into those items.
Photo by TOM BAUER/Missoulian

POLSON - Not to let the cat out of the bag, but Tim Ryan reaches this certain point when he's explaining to schoolchildren how he built a knife the same way his ancestors would have.

Understand, it's been fascinating up to this point: shaping and sharpening the obsidian blade on sandstone, carving out a section in the wooden handle to insert it, concocting a glue made of

tree pitch and black charcoal to hold it, tying strands of wet rawhide around the base of the blade that, when it dries, pulls the blade even more tightly into place.

POMO WOMAN NAMED DIRECTOR OF SENATE INDIAN AFFAIRS

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[Allison Binney](#), a member of the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians, has been named staff director for the Democrats on the Senate Indian Affairs Committee.

Binney, a graduate of Arizona State University College of Law, has been serving as the general counsel for the committee. She replaces [Sara Garland](#), who is leaving to work for Sen. Kent Conrad (D-North Dakota).

EVENTS/TRAINING:



The Museum of the Plains Indian is hosting an exhibit by traditional Blackfeet artist Jackie Parsons from January 20th through March 6th, 2008, entitled "Beadwork and Textiles." Ms. Parsons has won numerous awards for her handmade and usually beaded dresses, shirts, moccasins, vests, and other items. Awards for her art have come at the Santa Fe Indian Market, Portland Indian Market, Great Falls Native American Art Show, and the Northern Plains Indian Art Market (Sioux Falls). Ms. Parsons was born, raised, and lives on the Blackfeet Reservation, where she and her husband raised six children. She currently chairs the Montana Arts Council. The Friends of the Museum of the Plains Indian will host an opening reception for this exhibit on Sunday, January 20th, at 1pm, and all are invited. Refreshments will be served, and Ms. Parsons' artwork will be for sale then and throughout the exhibit.

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[American Indian Journalism Institute Accepting Applications for Summer](#)

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VERMILLION, S.D. — The Freedom Forum is accepting applications until Feb. 1 for the eighth American Indian Journalism Institute summer session, the premier journalism training, scholarship and summer internship program for Native American college students, June 1-20, 2008.

Students attend AIJI for free and receive other financial assistance. Applications are welcome from any Native American college student preparing to become a journalist. In its first seven years, 156 students completed the program. Instructions and application forms are available on the [Freedom Forum Web site](#).